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INDOT Announces Safe Routes to School Funding for Greencastle Schools

Greencastle to build a multi-use trail connecting four public schools and seven neighborhoods

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has awarded more than \$2 million in federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding for projects and activities to help provide Indiana school children with a safer way to walk and bike to school.

Safe Routes to School aims to make bicycling and walking to school safe and routine for Indiana students. The federally funded program recognizes traffic congestion, fuel consumption and air pollution near our schools, coupled with growing health and childhood obesity concerns, makes walking and biking to school an attractive low-cost way of getting to and from school. This is the first year Safe Routes to School funds are available.

This year, the City of Greencastle is among the recipients of Safe Routes to School funding:

• **Greencastle Multi-Use Trail:** A \$159,437 reimbursement will allow the City of Greencastle and the Greencastle Community School Corporation to build an urban connector trail linking four of Greencastle's five public schools and seven neighborhoods to a centralized trail network.

For more information on the Safe Routes to School Program, visit INDOT's Safe Routes to School Web site at www.in.gov/dot/div/programs/saferoutes or visit the Federal Highway Association's Safe Routes to School Web site at http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/.

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